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## PATENT

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**Application No.** 10/661,170

**Group Art Unit:**

**Applicant(s):** Richard A. Holl et al.

**Examiner:**

**Filing Date:** September 11, 2003

**Docket No.** 58035-013100

**Title:** METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR HIGH-SHEAR MIXING AND REACTING OF MATERIALS

**Customer No.** 33717

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [37 C.F.R. § 1.56]

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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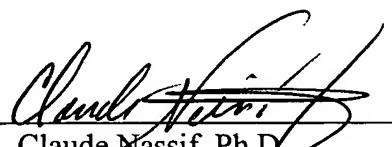
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

No fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee in connection with the submission of this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638.

Respectfully submitted,

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